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PATENT TRADEMARK OFFICE



Docket No. JST-14

DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am an original, first and joint inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

"Adjustable Button Cinch Anchor Orthopedic Fastener"

in the application filed on December 18, 2000 under Serial No. 09/740,577.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified application, including the specification, claims and drawings.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the United States Patent and Trademark Office all information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56.

I hereby appoint Rick Matos, Reg. No. 40,082, my agent with full power of substitution and revocation to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith; and I request that all correspondence be directed to: Rick Matos, Ph.D. at Innovar, L.L.C., P.O. Box 250647, Plano, TX 75025-0647. (Customer No. 24039)

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code §120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations §1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

<u>U.S. Serial No.</u>	<u>U.S. Filing Date</u>	<u>Status</u>
08/601,177	02/14/96	Pending
08/184,121	01/21/94	Pending
08/034,269	03/23/99	Abandoned

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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